

*CLAIMS: The following is a listing of all claims in the application with their status and the text of all active claims.*

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66. (NEW) A shopping cart, comprising:

- A. a plurality of merchandise containers, and
- B. a plurality of quick-attach and quick-detach locks, and
- C. a plurality of ledges affixed to the cart, each ledge positioned upon the cart to sandwich a container between a ledge and a lock, and
- D. the length of each of said ledges measured parallel to the cart's virtual axle limited to about half the width of the cart's wheel track, and
- E. the width of each of said ledges limited to about half the ledge's length, and
- F. a locking-hinge spine on said shopping cart, to enable compact folding of cart after basket removal,

whereby shoppers can select and move merchandise, check it out, load into their cars and deliver into home kitchens by levering loaded containers from one destination to another with minimum work and maximum convenience and maneuverability.

67. (NEW) The cart of claim 66 wherein said quick-attach and quick-detach locks are selected from the group consisting of sliding locks and pivot pins and belts and slots.

68. (NEW) The shopping cart of claim 66 wherein the cart is selected from the group consisting of carts using frame materials of light-metal alloy tubing and polyethylene and polypropylene and vinyl and nylon and various impregnated and laminated fibrous materials.

69. (NEW) The cart of claim 66 wherein said merchandise containers are selected from the group consisting of perforated plastic baskets, solid plastic tubs, wire baskets, hinged-end baskets, circular trays, and baskets with a deep walled slot set into a wall.

70. (NEW) A cart for accumulating, transporting and processing burdens, comprising

A. a plurality of means for quick-connect and quick-release retention of burdens upon the cart, and

B. a plurality of means of partial support beneath each burden, to assist in levering the burden aboard the cart, to cooperate with a retention means to secure that burden to the cart, and to continue partial support after release of the retention means during removal of burden from cart, and

C. a means of collapsing said cart for compact storage after basket removal,

whereby the user may load and unload the cart without ever lifting the entire weight of a burden, by using the partial-support means as guides and fulcrums for levering burdens upward and downward, to and from their positions on the cart.

71. (NEW) The cart of claim 70 wherein said means of quick-connect and quick-release retention are selected from the group consisting of sliding locks and pivot pins and belts and slots.

72. (NEW) The cart of Claim 70 wherein the cart is selected from the group using frame materials of light-metal alloy tubing and polyethylene and polypropylene and vinyl and nylon and various impregnated and laminated fibrous materials.

73. (NEW) The cart of claim 70 wherein said burdens are selected from the group consisting of perforated plastic baskets, solid plastic tubs, wire baskets, hinged-end baskets, circular trays, and baskets with a deep walled slot set into a wall.

74. (NEW) A shopping cart, comprising:

- A. a plurality of merchandise containers, and
- B. a plurality of quick-attach and quick-detach locks, and
- C. a plurality of ledges affixed to the cart, each ledge positioned upon the cart to sandwich a container between a ledge and a lock, and
- D. the length of each of said ledges measured parallel to the cart's virtual axle limited to about half the width of the cart's wheel track, and
- E. the width of each of said ledges limited to about half the ledge's length, and
- F. a telescoping spine on said shopping cart, to enable compact folding of cart after basket removal,

75. (NEW) The cart of claim 74 wherein said quick-attach and quick-detach locks are selected from the group consisting of sliding locks and pivot pins and belts and slots.

76. (NEW) The shopping cart of claim 74 wherein the cart is selected from the group consisting of carts using frame materials of light-metal alloy tubing and polyethylene and polypropylene and vinyl and nylon and various impregnated and laminated fibrous materials.

77. (NEW) The cart of claim 74 wherein said merchandise containers are selected from the group consisting of perforated plastic baskets, solid plastic tubs, wire baskets, hinged-end baskets, circular trays, and baskets with a deep walled slot set into a wall.